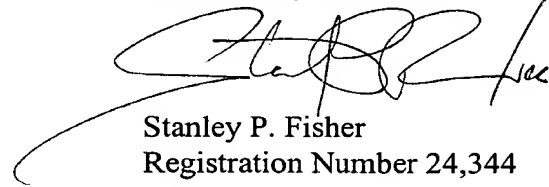


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are being cancelled claims 1-24 without prejudice and without disclaimer, and new claims 25-44 are being added corresponding to the embodiments disclosed in the priority document DE Pat. App. 199 36 483.4 filed on August 3, 1999. Applicant submits that the detailed amendments are fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been added to the application by the present Amendment.

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